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SUBJECT: MURDER TRIAL FOR ISTANBUL AIRPORT TERRORISTS

REF: ISTANBUL 3973 AND PREVIOUS

1. ISRAELI CONSUL GENERAL HAS TOLD US THAT TRIAL ON MURDER CHARGES OF TWO PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS WHO ATTACKED EL AL PASSENGERS AT ISTANBUL AIRPORT WILL BEGIN ON OCTOBER 19. RECENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLE REPORTED LOCAL PROSECUTOR HAD COMPLETED HIS CASE ON MURDER CHARGES AND HAD ASKED FOR DEATH PENALTY FOR TERRORISTS. IT DI NOT, HOWEVER, REPORT TRIAL DATE.

2. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, OCTOBER 11 MILLIYET NEWSPAPER QUOTED ISTANBUL DEPUTY GOVERNOR AND POLICE DIRECTOR AS STATING THAT SPECIAL SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN AT PRISON WHERE TERRORISTS ARE CONFINED AND AT ISTANBUL AIRPORT AS RESULT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFORMATION RECEIVED BY TURKISH AUTHORITIES THAT ATTEMPT

WOULD BE MADE TO RESCUE TERRORISTS OR TO ATTACK TURKISH FACILITIES OVERSEAS. BRUSSELS DATELINED REPORT IN ARTICLE NOTES TURKISH MISSION THERE HAD RECEIVED WARNING THAT TURKISH MISSIONS ABROAD OR ONE OF THY PLANES LEAVING ROME WOULD BE HIJACKED. ARTICLE REPORTS THAT EXTENSIVE SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY ALL TURKISH MISSIONS ABROAD.

3. REPORTEDLY 300 JANDARMA AND SPECIAL POLICE HAVE BEEN ADDED TO NORMAL SECURITY FORCE AT ISTANBUL AIRPORT. CONGEN OFFICERS HAVE OBSERVED LARGE NUMBERS OF BOTH JANDARMA AND SPECIAL POLICE PATROLLING AREA. OGDEN

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